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1. SECTION A

A. NO ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS

B. NO OBLIGATIONS OR EXPENDITURES

C. NO EQUIPMENT

D. NO SUPPORT COSTS

E. 2 POLICE OFFICERS FROM ST. LUCIA TRAINED IN U.S. BY DEA

F. NO U.S. PERSONNEL AT POST DEVOTE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT
OF TIME TO NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

2. SECTION B

A. SUMMARY: THE CULMINATION OF 18 MONTHS' EFFORT BY POST
RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT NEW NARCOTICS LEGISLATION BEING GIVEN
EFFECT IN BARBADOS IN NOVEMBER 1974. THIS ACTION PLUS SOME
INCREASE IN PUBLICITY RELATING TO A POSSIBLE DRUG MENANCE IN
CARIBBEAN HOPEFULLY INDICATES A SLIGHT LIFTING OF THE LEGHARGIC
ATTITUDE TOWARD A POTENTIAL NARCOTICS PROBLEM AS INDICATED
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BY THE GROWING USE OF MARIJUANA IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN.

B. ABUSE: A RECENT INFORMAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY A LOCAL JOURNALIST INDICATES THAT ABOUT 1 IN 15 CITIZENS OF BARBADOS USES MARIJUANA BUT THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT USE OF HARD DRUGS. INFORMATION ON THE OTHER STATES IN THE EMBASSY CONSULAR DISTRICT IS SPOTTY, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THE USE OF MARIJUANA BY YOUNG PEOPLE IS QUITE WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN, THOUGH THERE IS ALMOST NO USAGE OF HARD DRUGS.

C. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: BY ALL INDICATIONS, THE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF NARCOTICS IS INSIGNIFICANT IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE EMBASSY.

D. TRAFFICKING TRENDS: FROM REPORTS RECEIVED FROM DEA AND PASSED TO THE POST FOR ACTION, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THERE IS INCREASED USAGE OF BARBADOS AS A TRANSIT POINT FOR TRAFFICKING AND THAT THIS IS CARRIED ON PRIMARILY BY U.S. CITIZENS. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN FEW ARRESTS FOR TRAFFICKING OR SEIZURES TO CONFIRM THIS ASSUMPTION. A NOTABLE EXECPTION WAS THE RECENT ARREST IN ST. KITTS OF A ST. LUCIAN CARRYING 210 POUNDS OF CANNABIS PURCHASED IN JAMAICA, WHICH WAS DESTINED FOR ST. THOMAS AFTER TRANSITING ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS.

E. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: BARBADOS HAS YET TO ACCEDE TO THE 1972 PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SINGLE CONVENTION OR THE CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (1971), DESPITE SEVERAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE CHARGE. THE ONLY RESPONSE THUS FAR HAS BEEN THAT THE MATTER IS BEING LOOKED INTO.

F. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REPRESENTATIONS MENTIONED IN THE SUMMARY AND IN ITEM E ABOVE, THE EMBASSY HAS MADE NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS OR DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING NARCOTICS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OBVIOUS CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL CLIMATE OF BARBADOS WHICH HAVE EFFECTED THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOB TOWARD ANY ASPECT OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM.

G. ENFORCEMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN NO SEIZURES OF DRUGS IN LARGE QUANTITIES IN BARBADOS, HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN 99 ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS FOR POSSESSION AND/OR USAGE OF CANNABIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL ANY ONE YEAR (1973) BEING 40. ST. LUCIA HAD NINE ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN 1974. INFORMATION CONCERNING ARRESTS AND SEIZURES ON OTHER ISLANDS IS INCOMPLETE. BECAUSE OF LACK OF TRAVEL FUNDS, THE NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO GATHER THE NECESSARY DATA, HOWEVER, INFORMATION IS SLOWLY BEING GATHERED THROUGH SECONDARY SOURCES.

H. INCOME SUBSTITUTION: NOT APPLICABLE.

I, TREATMENT/REHABILITATION/EDUCATION: NOT APPLICABLE.
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